



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to more than 700,000 teen drivers who represent five percent of Florida's driving population and eight percent of all drivers in crashes; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among teens, accounting for one out of every three Florida teen fatalities every year; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, nearly 30,000 teen drivers were involved in crashes, and 260 people in the State of Florida were killed in crashes that involved a teen driver; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a problem for teens given their high use of electronic equipment and frequent travel with peer passengers, which escalate crash risk; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles joins with various state and local agencies, safety advocates, and industry partners to help reduce the number of teen crashes and ultimately to save lives; and

WHEREAS, DHSMV encourages teens to Drive with CARE – Courtesy, Attention, Responsibility and Experience – and to visit www.flhsmv.gov/teens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs and encourages parental involvement in helping young people to develop critical driving skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 14 – 20, 2012 as *Teen Driver Safety Week in Florida*, and October 16, 2012 as a day to wear white to bring awareness of the effort to *White Out* teen crashes.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee the Capital, this 18th day of October, in the year two thousand twelve.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.
Governor